

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amendments and/or additions:

1. (currently amended) A lamp socket ~~in which a plurality of the lamp sockets are~~
mounted on a lamp unit body and ~~are~~ connected together through wires, the lamp socket
comprising:

a socket body;

a connector housing for accommodating a connector provided to the socket body;

a bulb mounting portion for mounting a lamp ~~provided~~ to the socket body; and

a terminal member ~~provided~~ within the socket body; wherein so that the wire, the
connector, ~~and the lamp, and at least one of the wires are~~ can be electrically directly connected to
the terminal member thereto.

2. (currently amended) The lamp socket according to claim 1, wherein the socket body
comprises is provided with a wire connection portion for electrically connecting an electrical
~~connection of the terminal member to the~~ at least one of the wires wire.

3. (currently amended) The lamp socket according to claim 2,

wherein the wire connection portion ~~comprises~~ ~~includes~~ a wire insertion ~~groove~~ ~~grooves~~ in which the terminal member is mounted; and

the terminal member ~~comprises~~ ~~includes~~ at one end a press-connecting blade which can bite into a sheath of the at least one of the wires ~~wire~~ to electrically connect to a conductor of the at least one of the wires ~~wire~~, and at another ~~at the other~~ end a male tab projecting into an interior of the connector housing for directly electrically connecting to the connector.

4. (currently amended) The lamp socket according to claim 3, wherein the lamp contacts ~~bulb is brought in contact with~~ a portion of the terminal member between the press-connecting blade and the male tab.

5. (currently amended) The lamp socket according to claim 3, wherein the wire insertion groove ~~comprises~~ ~~is provided with~~ opposed retaining projections at an end of an opening of the wire insertion groove thereof, and a distance between the opposed retaining projections is smaller than an outer diameter of the at least one of the wires ~~wire~~.

6. (currently amended) A socket assembly comprising:

a lamp unit body; and

a plurality of lamp sockets mounted on the lamp unit body and ~~are~~ connected together through wires, each of the plurality of lamp sockets comprising including; :

a socket body;

a connector housing for accommodating a connector ~~provided~~ to the socket body, a bulb mounting portion for mounting a lamp ~~provided~~ to the socket body; ; and

AS a terminal member ~~provided~~ within the socket body; wherein so that the wire, the connector, and the lamp, and at least one of the wires are ~~can be~~ electrically directly connected to the terminal member thereto,

wherein the plurality of lamp sockets are electrically connected together through the wires connected to the terminal members.

7. (currently amended) The socket assembly according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of lamp sockets are connected to one another by ~~the~~ wires of different lengths.

8. (currently amended) The socket assembly according to claim 6, wherein the socket body comprises is provided with a wire connection portion for electrically connecting an ~~electrical connection of~~ the terminal member to the at least one of the wires ~~wire~~.

9. (currently amended) The socket assembly according to claim 8, wherein

the wire connection portion comprises ~~includes~~ a wire insertion groove ~~grooves~~ in which the terminal member is mounted; and

the terminal member comprises ~~includes~~ at one end a press-connecting blade which can bite into a sheath of the at least one of the wires ~~wire~~ to electrically connect to a conductor of the at least one of the wires ~~wire~~, and at another ~~at the other~~ end a male tab projecting into an interior of the connector housing for directly electrically connecting to the connector.

10. (currently amended) The socket assembly according to claim 9, wherein the lamp ~~bulb is brought in contact with~~ contacts a portion of the terminal member between the press-connecting blade and the male tab.

11. (currently amended) The socket assembly according to claim 9, wherein the wire insertion groove comprises ~~is provided with~~ opposed retaining projections at an end of an opening of the wire insertion groove ~~thereof~~, and a distance between the opposed retaining projections is smaller than an outer diameter of the at least one of the wires ~~wire~~.
